

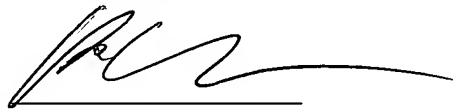
REMARKS

In the current continuation application, the original claims 22 through 55 have been cancelled except for claim 1, which was maintained for copendency, but will be later cancelled. New claims 56 through 82 have been added for the Examiner's consideration.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a favorable Office Action so indicating.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken I. Yoshida', written over a horizontal line.

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